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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8726

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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DEPT HANDLE AS NODIS

FOR SECRETARY FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, LE, SY, US

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF: STATE 178395

1. MET WITH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY DABBOUL AT 1300L JULY 20 TO ADVISE THAT WE HAD BEEN TOLD ON INSTRUCTIONS ARAFAT THAT CONVOY ROUTE HAD SUDDENLY BECOME UNSAFE NEAR NABATIYA AND TWO OR THREE DAYS WERE NEEDED TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. (HAD INFORMED DABBOUL LAST EVENING OF ACTUAL POSTPONEMENT BASED ON RECEIPT BEIRUT 6424.)

2. ASKED DABBOUL FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SYRIAN ARMY OR ANY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH CONCERNING SECURITY IN NABATIYA AREA AND OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT MIGHT HAVE OCCASIONED PLO POSTPONEMENT. HE PROMISED ADVISE ASAP OF ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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